

were flying Hueys in an SAR role. Paul goes to HSL-35 in February and Keith has already left for HSL-33, the RAG at North Island. **Reed Jarvi** and **Bob Brotherton** were in Bermuda for awhile with VP-56. Reed is the communications officer and Bob is the PAO. Kay and **John Brownell** were there in June; John is attached to VXN-8 out of Patuxent River. On the other side of the world **Joe McAllister** is serving a hardship tour on Diego Garcia.

Dennis Dilucente says he's finally made it to the big time after finishing up at Yuma, Arizona. Dennis is now with VMFA-212 at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. **John Whitaker** also checked in over there; he's with VMFA-232. **Mike Hughes** is with HMM-265 on a six month float to WestPac. **Dave Tribout** is flying out of Barbers Point and **Kip Nicely** is flying out of Guam with VQ-1. **Dan Galik** is on board USS SOMERS (DDG-34) along with **Roy Balaconis** and **Andy Bushak**. **Jim Doherty** was on board MOUNT VERNON and is headed for Seamanship and Tactics back at USNA. **Mara** and **Tim Traaen** and **Timmy Jr.** are in the Pearl Harbor area; Tim is attached to a sub squadron as a supply type.

I received some word from the submarine community this month. **Bill Ostendorff** wrote from Charleston where he and wife Chris are living. Bill is the MPA aboard GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN-643). On board BANCROFT in the other crew are **Steve Chapman** and **Rick Baggot**. **Ron Wetmore**, **Gorth Beckett**, and **Brad Portier** are on board WOODROW WILSON; **Tad Dowell** and **Bill Wheeler**, JOHN CALHOUN; **George Puddington**, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY; **Mike Willy**, LEWIS AND CLARK; **Fred Raley**, **Ted Hodge**, **Craig Williams**, and **Joe McGowan**, JAMES K. POLK; **Ken Holmes**, **Tom Gardner**, and **Gary Moe**, L. MENDEL RIVERS; **Chuck Mihalko** and **Kevin Curley** in HENRY L. STIMSON; and **Jim McKee** in STURGEON. Up north in New London are **Frank Inzirillo** and **Bruce Leonard** in DANIEL WEBSTER. **Bruce Hinkley** is on board SIMON BOLIVAR in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The last bit of word I have to pass on comes from the Navy Hometown News Release Program and some newspaper clippings. **David Haines**, **Mike Scherr**, and **Dave Rossetti** were all recently awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal for the part that their respective ships played in the recent Mideast Crisis in Iran and North Yemen. **Bob Belling** spent 30 days in the Caribbean this Summer; he's aboard USS McCANDLESS. **Dan Ward**, **Jim Butler**, and **Pat Laine** are all in the Med aboard AMERICA. Dan and Jim are with Attack Squadron 95 and Pat is with Attack Squadron 192. **John Meyers** has reported to MCAS(H) New River; **Jordan Smith** to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton; and **Mike Drennan** to 1st Marine Air Wing, Futema, Okinawa. **OZ Paulding** has earned his gold jump wings at Camp Pendleton. From a news clipping I found out that **Jeff Neufeld** is working at the automated services center, MCRD San Diego, and is building a mini-computer in his free time.

That's all I have to pass on for now. I'll be leaving for Okinawa just prior to the time I have to write the next column and I'll be getting settled into my new duties at the time it comes due. Please bear with me if it is a short one because I don't know how much news I'll have or how long my mail will take to catch up with me. Until next time—best wishes for continued success.

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Here I sit writing this article by candlelight. No, I am not getting romantic, but hurricane Frederic is outside. I thought that I would be the last one to enter the aviation community when I entered VT-4 for jets, but when I was checking out of VT-2 I saw **Bill White** checking in.

Larry Peruffo and his wife Sharon were in San Jose before he left to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. It looks like VP-50 may have the most '77 Classmates because not only is Larry Peruffo there but also **Steve Young**, **Nick Padula**, **Pete Engel**, **Steve Horbiak**, **Dan Whitsett**, and **Don Jones**. **Ric Marcantonio** is a C-1 pilot with VRC-50. **Rich "Tug" McGraw** is a B/N with VA-52 flying A-6s off the USS KITTYHAWK. **Michele** and **Clint Pagano** are at Pax River with VQ-4 and expecting a baby in January.

Greg Falzetta, **Sam McVey**, and **Dan Porter** are all in 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, at 29 Palms. **Keith Lockett** is the fiscal officer for 3rd Tank Battalion and **Jeff Potts** is playing with computers there.

Kerry Knoizen writes to tell me that Barber's Point is about to be invaded by our Class. He and **Mark Kirk** are headed for VP-1; **Bob Kennedy** and **Mark Gardnes** are looking for VP-4 and **Rusty Eckstrom** is bound for VP-6.

Well, sorry this article is mainly aviation-oriented (*of course I'm prejudiced!*) but I just moved and things are still catching up with me. See you next month.

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Welcome to November as of 10 September 1979. I must apologize for just a cryptic note last month; there was nothing to say (*imagine that*) and I am sure that LCWB has no need or desire to hear about my trials as the AOTC on the "Love Boat" cruise. I found out that that particular pseudonym is quite incorrect. However, I did rather enjoy being one of the wholesome few that retained lunch when we went "off-shore."

Not too long now until we roll over Army. I'm looking forward to getting the rowdy '79ers back in one place again. Sorry so many won't be able to represent themselves, but you'll be there even in your absence.

I have had another poor showing this month. It set the precedent though. I got two short missives, one from our newest zoomie, **Rob Needham**, and one from one of our primo neu-

tron dodgers, **Jerry Hedden**. They both wrote, and congrats to you both to get off yer duffs and scare away the spiders in my mailbox. Rob also included his 21st company newsletter. Good job, Rob-o.

I have some inside gouge from two of the TAD lightweights (of which I am one). **Rich Reynolds** and **Greg Reinhardt** are presently gainfully employed in the planning and estimating department across the river, pumping their SR-50s with accounting data (*never have I seen the error key used so frequently*). According to these two class heavies, our *Lucky Bags* will (should) arrive at your home address some time later this month, or the next. Sounds like famous last words to me. Both were quick to note that the printer was still using Ben Franklin's hand press. Your breaths, don't hold. I fixed 'em though: I short-circuited their calculators.

For those of you who are furthering your professional careers in the farther reaches of the known world, be grateful that you have been ensignized and moved away. The once beautiful yard has been ripped apart by the infamous and obviously Communist Diggers and Fillers. It's for the best though. By the time we grow up and become company officers and NavProfs, these strip mines will be the sports complex and a bigger and better Disco Dogpen.

Here's an interesting note. Doc and I recently had the wonderful opportunity to sample some cooking with a fellow sailor and Classmate, **Ed Able**, and his wife (since 2/c summer) Beth. The neatest part of the evening was playing with their one-year-old daughter, Ryan Elizabeth. Ed is presently speaking to computers at Oceana. **Steve Bazer**, **Bill Rink** and **Art Johnson** are there also, but with VF-171.

Now for the latest marriage announcements, courtesy of the *Shipmate* staff and my own devious means. Congrats to **Bruce Hanson** and his better half, Lisa. "Brute" was seen driving MSLs this Summer for P-100. Congrats also to **Ken Wartick** and Lisa. "Tichter" was teaching KAs to the plebers prior to entering TBS at you know where. My old roomie, **Joe Bradfield**, traded me in for his lovely sidekick of several years, Laura. Following a tropical honeymoon, Joe-Joe bolted for porkchop school in Georgia and La went back to work in New Jersey. My best also to **Jerry Heddon** and Mary Ann. Jerry is out at the NRL in Anacostia while waiting to start neutron school in Orlando. **Kevin Sennett** and Doreen get two bravos; the first for their marriage and the second for Kevin because he was the Celtics' ninth draft choice. They are now lost in "lobster land" at NAS Brunswick.

The next series of congratulations go to **Scott Rose** and Linda, **Rob Ketter** and Lisa, **Guy Turnquist** and Judy, **John Miller** and Mary, **Steve Smith** and Elizabeth, **Bill Grider** and Cheri, **Ray Snell** and Paula, **Jim Ratte** and Tammy, and another new zoomie, **Glynn Firmin** and Gloria. Glynn is presently the systems program management officer for the USAF acquisition logistics division (AFALD), specifically employed by the deputy for the new USAF tanker, the KC-10. My personal congratulations to **Chris Bently** and Lynda. All you two need now is a sailboat. Chris taught yawls to '83 and then went elsewhere. Finally, congratulations to **Tim Boone** and Sandy.

Rob's newsletter included the whereabouts of the '79ers from 1st Company. **Lou Beyer** and **Mike Trcka** are zoomies in San Diego. **Tom**